Kwini

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1 Language Information

- Source: McGregor (1993)

- Glottlog: http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kwin1241

- ISO-identifier: gww

- Speakers:

- Location: Australia

- Geneology: Worrorran > Northern Worrorran > Forrest River > Kwini

2 Verbal Morphology

Guinin/Kwini has three number suffixes: *-m/-ma* that means 'two' (dual form), *-ni* with the meaning 'few', and *-rri* that means 'two or more' (plural form). However, the plural suffix is not so frequent, it is used only when the prefixed verb form is ambiguous.

3 Conjunction

Two clauses can be simply juxtaposed to form a coordinated sentence.

(1) benn   ngirndi durr   ngindi-di
     climb:up I:fell   descend I:fell-INT

     'I climbed up, then down.' [McGregor, 1993, p. 54]

4 Disjunction

No information given.

5 Postpositions

There are postpositions in Kwini that mark case, and one that marks number.

1. *-ngindalu* locative
2. *-gu* dative
3. *-yanga* ablative
4. *-we* purposive
5. *-nyine* instrumental
6. *-gude* comitative
7. *-nangga* genitive
8. *-miya* dual

References

McGregor, William B. (1993). *Gunin/Kwini.* München: Lincom Europa.